

REMARKS

Claims 1-42 are pending in the above-identified patent application, claims 4-42 having been added by this Preliminary Amendment.

Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested. As detailed below, they introduce no new matter.

The amendments to the specification are made to correct minor typographical and spelling errors. No new matter is introduced by these corrections.

Claims 1-3 are similarly amended to correct minor typographical errors and for increased clarity. The phrase "positioned at different positions in the fluid path" is supported by Figure 2; see reference numerals 24A, 24B, 24C, and 24D in Figure 2.

New claims 4-15 and 32-35 are supported by the specification, e.g., at page 16, lines 5-6.

New claims 16-21 and 36 are supported by the original specification, e.g., at page 17, lines 14-16.

New claims 22-24 and 37 are supported by the original specification, e.g., at page 11, lines 7-9.

New claims 25-27 are supported by the original specification, e.g., at page 13, lines 12-21.

New claim 28 is supported by the original specification, e.g., at page 3, line 22, to page 7, line 3.

21. New claim 29 is supported by the specification, e.g., at page 4, lines 17-

New claim 30 is supported by the specification, e.g., at page 5, lines 6-9.

23. New claim 31 is supported by the specification, e.g., at page 5, lines 21-

New claim 38 is supported by the specification, e.g., at page 4, line 2.

New claim 39 is supported by the specification, e.g., at page 4, lines 2-4.

17-22. New claims 40-41 are supported by the specification, e.g., at page 6, lines

15. New claim 42 is supported by the specification, e.g., at page 10, lines 12-


Accordingly, entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed no more than three months from the filing date of the above-identified patent application. Accordingly, it is to be

entered and considered pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.115(b)(2)(i). Therefore, entry and consideration of this Preliminary Amendment are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Michael B. Farber, Ph.D., Esq.

CATALYST LAW GROUP, APC  
4220 La Jolla Village Drive, Suite 220  
San Diego, California 92122  
(858) 450-0099  
(858) 450-9834 (Fax)